

# ANSWER

BROUGHT TO THE

## Case of Roger Price, Esq;

AND TO

The REASONS offered for Setling his Wife a Joynture out of the Mannor of Westbury, in the County of Bucks) Humbly offered to the Consideration of the PARLIAMENT, by Mr. George Price, the Second Son, Mr. Edward Price, Mrs. Ann Price, and Mrs. Rebecca Brandreth, the Sons and Daughters of Roger Price, Esq; Deceased.

**B**Y a Settlement of Marriage made the 25th of June, 1658. upon Roger Price Esq; the Father, he had not power to make a Joynture to his Son's Wife out of the Mannor of Westbury, nor any part thereto belonging.

Roger Price, the Father, could not by his Indenture dated the 8th of August, 1676, nor by his Will, dated 26th of August, 1676, settle the Mannor of Westbury, or any part thereto belonging, to be a Joynture to his Son's Wife, by reason of the aforesaid Marriage-Settlement. Besides, he frequently declared to several persons. That he had taken all the Care imaginable in his Settlements, and Will, that Westbury might not be a Joynture to any Wife. And in the said Will he took particular care of his Heir, that not any of his younger Sons should have his Portion, until he attained the Age of Twenty five years, nor Daughter till Twenty two, and if any of them dyed before he or she attained such age, his or her Portion to go to the Eldest Son.

One of the Brothers Charles Price is since dead, and his Portion fell to the eldest Brother.

Mr. Price the Father, upon making his Will in August 1676, granted Nine Annuities (whereof Four are in being) out of Westbury, which if their Rights be given from them, will be the utter ruine of the Widows.

Mr. Price the Father left Roger his Son 310 *l. per annum* at Westminster, with power to make a Wife a Joynture thereof, which together with Roger the Sons Wife's Portion (which is also now in Lands) amounts to near 700 *l. per annum*, which is or may be settled as Joynture for his Wife, and afterwards as he pleases, for provision for his younger Children.

Roger the Father settled 1500 *l. per annum* in Houses in London, for the raising of his younger Childrens Portions out of the Profits of the Estate, 'tis eleven Years since his Death, so that the Sum of 16500 *l.* is, or might have been raised, out of which 7500 *l.* hath been paid for the Portions of younger Children; and 'tis presumed the over-plus is applied as a Provision for Roger the Son's younger Children, he having near 900 *l. per annum* in Lands at present, besides his Wife's Fortune to live upon.

Roger the Son hath cut down Timber near to the value of 1500 *l.* in the Mannor of Westbury, within this five Years: Whereas by his Father's Will he should have cut but 100 pounds worth yearly.

This is the third time that Roger the Son hath attempted to obtain an Act of Parliament for the making of a Joynture out of Westbury; but the Bill hath been twice rejected. All the younger Brothers and Sisters of the now Roger Price, not so much regarding there Right in Remaindership to Westbury, as the Right of the Son and Heir of the said Roger Price; this Westbury being all the Lands the Heir is like to have. Therefore they do humbly represent the Right of the Heir, and Widows, and Fatherless to this Honourable Parliament; and pray the Bill for settling a Joynture out of Westbury may be rejected.